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Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)	Application No. 10/575,904	Applicant(s) YONEZAWA ET AL.	
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The Appeal Brief filed on 27 February 2009 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.
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1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
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Under the section "Related Appeals and Interferences" applicant is required to set forth under 37 CFR 41.37C(1)(ii) "all prior and pending appeals known to applicant...which may be related to....or have a bearing on the Board's decision. Applicant has a pending appeal in application number 10/565,503 that has claims directed inter alia to a clamp device having "wedge engaging members" while the instant clamp has claims directed to "inclined surfaces". Further, application number 10/565,503 was rejected on the Haruna reference 6,604,738 and the instant case was also rejected on the Haruna reference 6,604,738. Accordingly, it appears that the appeal in 10/565,503 is related to or has a bearing on the Board's decision in the instant case and should have not been omitted from "Related Appeals and Interferences". Applicant should set forth any other application numbers presently under appeal directed to similar clamps.

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